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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION
DATED APRIL 10, 2007

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Final Office Action dated April 10, 2007, having a shortened statutory period expiring July 10, 2007. A petition for a three-month extension of time to respond is filed herewith, setting a new period for response that expires October 10, 2007. Further examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks set forth below.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.